

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 6 June 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Ruth S. Smith/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3737

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Teng on 8/28/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

In the paragraph at page 9, lines 21-22, "Fig. 1 is a view showing a division example" has been removed and --Figs. 1a and 1b illustrate views showing division examples-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11, "Fig. 3 is a view" has been removed and --Figs. 3a and 3b illustrate views-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 11, lines 9-12, "Fig. 3b is a view showing an example where the graph shown in" has been removed and --Fig. 3b is a view showing, for the example of-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 11, lines 15-18, "Fig. 5 is a view" has been removed and --Figs. 5a and 5b illustrate views-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12, "Fig. 5b is a view showing an example where the graph shown in" has been removed and --Fig. 5b is a view showing, for the example of-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph bridging pages 19 and 20, "Fig. 1 shows an example" has been removed and --Figs. 1a and 1b illustrate examples-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph bridging pages 26 and 27, on lines 2 and 3, "with reference to Fig. 3. Fig. 3. shows" has been removed and --with reference to Figs. 3a and 3b. Figs. 3a and 3b show-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 30, lines 10-30, "Fig. 3" has been removed and --Fig. 3a-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 31, lines 14-22, "Fig. 3" has been removed and --Fig. 3a-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 32, lines 4-9, "Fig. 3" has been removed and --Fig. 3a-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph bridging pages 37 and 38, "Fig. 5 shows an example of this embodiment. Fig. 5 shows" has been removed and --Figs. 5a and 5b show an example of this embodiment. Figs. 5a and 5b show-- has been inserted.

Also, at the end of the paragraph "Figs. 2 and 3" has been removed and --Figs. 2 and 3a-3b-- has been inserted.

In the paragraph at page 38, lines 5-14, at the end of the paragraph, "Figs. 2 and 3" has been removed and --Figs. 2 and 3a-3b-- has been inserted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan G. Cwern whose telephone number is (571)270-1560. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:30AM - 6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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